PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Thomas ROITSCH

Application No.:

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For: PROMOTER SYSTEM AND PRODUCTION AND USE OF THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ATTN: PCT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks P.O. Box 2327 Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS (CLEAN VERSION):

Please delete original Claims 1-45; please delete Substitute Claims 1-44 and add the following new Claims 45-88:

- 45. Nucleic acid sequence, coding for a both tapetum-specific and pollen-specific promoter, the nucleic acid sequence comprising a range of at least 900 nucleotides upstream of the TATA box of the sequence represented in SEQ.ID. No. 1.
- 46. Nucleic acid sequence according to claim 45, wherein the nucleic acid sequence comprises a range of at least 1000 nucleotides upstream of the TATA box of the sequence represented in SEQ.ID. No. 1.